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Dear Community Member,

The Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) would like to invite you to a public meeting discussing the potential establishment of a Health Benefit Exchange in Nevada.

Over the next several months, the State will need to make a number of critical decisions to begin the implementation of federal health reform. One of the central features of health reform is the development of new Health Benefit Exchanges by 2014. Exchanges are intended to serve as a place where individuals and businesses can shop for insurance coverage. In addition, many lower- and middle-income individuals may be eligible for premium subsidies for commercial coverage; while small employers with lower-income workers may be eligible for premium subsidies for up to two years. These subsidies will be available through the Health Benefit Exchange.

The DHCFP is hosting a series of public forums across the state to obtain community input and suggestions on the Health Benefit Exchange. These forums will allow State officials to hear from Nevadans about what's most important and how best to structure a Health Benefit Exchange that best meets the needs of Nevada residents and businesses.

At this public forum, we will discuss the purpose and general requirements of a Health Benefit Exchange and the options that are available to Nevada. Prior to this meeting, we will post an issue brief on the Health Reform website at: http://dhhs.nv.gov/HC_Reform.htm.

The forum will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM. It will be located at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3650 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801.

If you have any questions, you may contact our Health Care Reform staff below:

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We would greatly appreciate your participation and hope you will be able to join us. Getting input from our rural communities is a crucial component in developing a Health Benefit Exchange that works for Nevada. We request that attendees RSVP to Jennifer Benedict via e-mail by April 5, 2011. RSVPs are encouraged, but not required.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Duarte".

Charles Duarte
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